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Since the thirty-first session, as part of the new system adopted for symbols of General Assembly documents, resolutions and decisions have been identified by an arabic numeral, indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution 31/1, decision 31/301). When several resolutions or decisions were adopted under the same number, each of them has been identified by a capital letter placed after the two numerals (for example: resolution 31/16 A, resolutions 31/6 A and B, decisions 31/406 A to E).

Special sessions

Until the seventh special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letter "S" and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 3362 (S-VII)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the eighth special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letter "S" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution S-8/1, decision S-8/11).

Emergency special sessions

Until the fifth emergency special session, the resolutions of the General Assembly were identified by an arabic numeral followed, in parentheses, by the letters "ES" and a roman numeral indicating the session (for example: resolution 2252 (ES-V)). The decisions were not numbered.

Since the sixth emergency special session, resolutions and decisions have been identified by the letters "ES" and an arabic numeral indicating the session, followed by an oblique stroke and another arabic numeral (for example: resolution ES-6/1, decision ES-6/11).

In each of the series described above, the numbering follows the order of adoption.

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Volume II contains the decisions adopted by the General Assembly from 17 September to 18 December 1996. Resolutions adopted by the Assembly during that period are contained in volume I, together with information on the allocation of agenda items. Any further resolutions or decisions adopted by the Assembly at its fifty-first session will appear in volume III.

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A. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

51/301. Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 17 September 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its fifty-first session consisting of the following Member States: CHINA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, GABON, NETHERLANDS, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SIERRA LEONE and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

51/302. Election of the President of the General Assembly[1]

At its 1st plenary meeting, on 17 September 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 21 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected Mr. RAZALI Ismail (Malaysia) President of the General Assembly.

51/303. Election of the Chairmen of the Main Committees[1]

On 17 September 1996, the six Main Committees of the General Assembly held meetings, in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, for the purpose of electing their Chairmen.

At the 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1996, the President of the General Assembly announced that the following persons had been elected Chairmen of the Main Committees:

First Committee:	Mr. Alyaksandr SYCHOU (Belarus)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Alounkèo KITTIKHOUN (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Second Committee:	Mr. Arjan HAMBURGER (Netherlands)
Third Committee:	Mrs. Patricia ESPINOSA (Mexico)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Ngoni Francis SENGWE (Zimbabwe)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Ramón ESCOVAR-SALOM (Venezuela)

51/304. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly[1]

At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to its resolution 33/138 of 19 December 1978, elected the representatives of the following twenty-one Member States Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly: ANDORRA, ANGOLA, BAHAMAS, BURUNDI, CHINA, CYPRUS, FRANCE, GHANA, HONDURAS, LATVIA, LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA, NIGER, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY,

[1] In accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the General Committee consists of the President of the Assembly, the twenty-one Vice-Presidents and the Chairmen of the six Main Committees.

PHILIPPINES, RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SUDAN, TURKEY, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

51/305. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination

At its 33rd plenary meeting, on 14 October 1996, the General Assembly, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council[2] and in accordance with the annex to Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976 and paragraph 1 of Council resolution 1987/94 of 4 December 1987, elected ARGENTINA, AUSTRIA, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, the CONGO, GERMANY, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, NICARAGUA, NIGERIA, PAKISTAN, POLAND, ROMANIA, THAILAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UKRAINE, the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and ZIMBABWE members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of ARGENTINA, BELARUS, BRAZIL, CAMEROON, CANADA, the COMOROS, the CONGO, CUBA, GERMANY, INDIA, INDONESIA, the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN, the NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, PAKISTAN, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, UKRAINE and the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (*b*) of item 17 on the agenda of its fifty-first session for the election, at a later date, on the basis of the nominations by the Economic and Social Council, of members to the two seats remaining to be filled on the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

As a result, the Committee for Programme and Coordination is composed of the following thirty-two Member States: ARGENTINA,*** AUSTRIA,*** BAHAMAS,* BENIN,* BRAZIL,*** CAMEROON,*** CHINA,** CONGO,*** EGYPT,** FRANCE,* GERMANY,*** GHANA,* INDONESIA,*** IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),*** JAPAN,** MEXICO,* NICARAGUA,*** NIGERIA,*** PAKISTAN,*** POLAND,*** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,** ROMANIA,*** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,* THAILAND,*** TOGO,** TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,*** UKRAINE,*** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,*** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,* URUGUAY,** ZAIRE** and ZIMBABWE.***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1997.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

51/306. Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council

At its 39th plenary meeting, on 21 October 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 23 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 142 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected COSTA RICA, JAPAN, KENYA, PORTUGAL and SWEDEN non-permanent members of the Security Council for a two-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 to fill the vacancies

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[2] See Economic and Social Council decisions 1996/222 of 2 and 3 May 1996 and 1996/298 of 25 July 1996; see also A/51/269.

occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BOTSWANA, GERMANY, HONDURAS, INDONESIA and ITALY.

As a result, the Security Council is composed of the following fifteen Member States: CHILE,* CHINA, COSTA RICA,** EGYPT,* FRANCE, GUINEA-BISSAU,* JAPAN,** KENYA,** POLAND,* PORTUGAL,** REPUBLIC OF KOREA,* RUSSIAN FEDERATION, SWEDEN,** UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1997.
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51/307. Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council

At its 47th and 48th plenary meetings, on 31 October 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 61 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 145 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, elected CAPE VERDE, CHILE, CUBA, DJIBOUTI, EL SALVADOR, FRANCE, the GAMBIA, GERMANY, ICELAND, JAPAN, LATVIA, MEXICO, MOZAMBIQUE, the REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, TURKEY and ZAMBIA members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of BULGARIA, CHILE, COSTA RICA, EGYPT, FRANCE, GERMANY, GHANA, GREECE, INDONESIA, IRELAND, JAPAN, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, PORTUGAL, SENEGAL, the UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, VENEZUELA and ZIMBABWE.

As a result, the Economic and Social Council is composed of the following fifty-four Member States: ARGENTINA,** AUSTRALIA,* BANGLADESH,** BELARUS,* BRAZIL,* CANADA,** CAPE VERDE,*** CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC,** CHILE,*** CHINA,** COLOMBIA,* CONGO,* CÔTE D'IVOIRE,* CUBA,*** CZECH REPUBLIC,** DJIBOUTI,*** EL SALVADOR,*** FINLAND,** FRANCE,*** GABON,** GAMBIA,*** GERMANY,*** GUYANA,** ICELAND,*** INDIA,* JAMAICA,* JAPAN,*** JORDAN,** LATVIA,*** LEBANON,** LUXEMBOURG,* MALAYSIA,* MEXICO,*** MOZAMBIQUE,*** NETHERLANDS,* NICARAGUA,** PHILIPPINES,* POLAND,* REPUBLIC OF KOREA,*** ROMANIA,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,** SOUTH AFRICA,* SPAIN,*** SRI LANKA,*** SUDAN,* SWEDEN,** THAILAND,* TOGO,** TUNISIA,** TURKEY,*** UGANDA,* UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND,** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA* and ZAMBIA.***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1997.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

51/308. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly, at its 54th plenary meeting, on 6 November 1996, and the Security Council, at its 3709th meeting, on the same date, proceeded independently of one another to elect, in accordance with Articles 2 to 4, 7 to 12 and 14 and 15 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, rules 150 and 151 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly and rules 40 and 61 of the provisional

rules of procedure of the Council, five members of the Court for a nine-year term of office beginning on 6 February 1997 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria), Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America), Mr. Mohamed Shahabuddeen (Guyana), Mr. Vladlen S. Vereshchetin (Russian Federation) and Mr. Luigi Ferrari Bravo (Italy).[3] The following persons were elected: Mr. Mohammed Bedjaoui (Algeria), Mr. Pieter H. Kooijmans (Netherlands), Mr. José Francisco Rezek (Brazil), Mr. Stephen M. Schwebel (United States of America) and Mr. Vladlen S. Vereshchetin (Russian Federation).

As a result, the International Court of Justice is composed as follows: Mr. Stephen M. SCHWEBEL (*United States of America*),*** President; Mr. Christopher G. WEERAMANTRY (*Sri Lanka*),* Vice-President; Mr. Shigeru ODA (*Japan*),** Mr. Mohammed BEDJAOUI (*Algeria*),*** Mr. Gilbert GUILLAUME (*France*),* Mr. Raymond RANJEVA (*Madagascar*),* Mr. Géza HERCZEGH (*Hungary*),** Mr. SHI Jiuyong (*China*),** Mr. Carl-August FLEISCHHAUER (*Germany*),** Mr. Abdul G. KOROMA (*Sierra Leone*),** Mr.Vladlen S. VERESHCHETIN (*Russian Federation*),*** Ms. Rosalyn HIGGINS (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*),* Mr. Gonzalo PARRA-ARANGUREN (*Venezuela*),* Mr. Pieter H. KOOIJMANS (*Netherlands*)*** and Mr. José Francisco REZEK (*Brazil*).***

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* Term of office expires on 5 February 2000.
** Term of office expires on 5 February 2003.
*** Term of office expires on 5 February 2006.

51/309. Election of the members of the International Law Commission

At its 55th plenary meeting, on 11 November 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with its resolution 174 (II) of 21 November 1947 and the provisions of the statute of the International Law Commission annexed to that resolution, as amended by Assembly resolutions 1103 (XI) of 18 December 1956, 1647 (XVI) of 6 November 1961 and 36/39 of 18 November 1981, elected the following thirty-four persons members of the Commission for a five-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997:[4]

Mr. Emmanuel Akwei ADDO (Ghana)
Mr. Husain M. AL-BAHARNA (Bahrain)
Mr. Awn Shawkat AL-KHASAWNEH (Jordan)
Mr. João Clemente BAENA SOARES (Brazil)
Mr. Mohamed BENNOUNA (Morocco)
Mr. Ian BROWNLIE (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
Mr. Enrique J. A. CANDIOTI (Argentina)
Mr. James Richard CRAWFORD (Australia)
Mr. Christopher John Robert DUGARD (South Africa)
Mr. Constantin P. ECONOMIDES (Greece)
Mr. Nabil ELARABY (Egypt)
Mr. Luigi FERRARI BRAVO (Italy)
Mr. Zdzislaw GALICKI (Poland)
Mr. Raul I. GOCO (Philippines)

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[3] See A/51/333-S/1996/722, A/51/334/Rev.1-S/1996/723/Rev.1 and Corr.1 and A/51/335-S/1996/724 and Corr.1 ; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1996*, documents S/1996/722, S/1996/723/Rev. 1 and S/1996/724.

[4] See A/51/177 and Add.1-9, A/51/178 and Add.1 and A/51/653.

Mr. Gerhard HAFNER (Austria)
Mr. HE Qizhi (China)
Mr. Mauricio HERDOCIA SACASA (Nicaragua)
Mr. Jorge E. ILLUECA (Panama)
Mr. Peter C. R. KABATSI (Uganda)
Mr. James Lutabanzibwa KATEKA (United Republic of Tanzania)
Mr. Mochtar KUSUMA-ATMADJA (Indonesia)
Mr. Igor Ivanovich LUKASHUK (Russian Federation)
Mr. Teodor Viorel MELESCANU (Romania)
Mr. Václav MIKULKA (Czech Republic)
Mr. Didier OPERTTI BADAN (Uruguay)
Mr. Guillaume PAMBOU-TCHIVOUNDA (Gabon)
Mr. Alain PELLET (France)
Mr. Pemmaraju Sreenivasa RAO (India)
Mr. Victor RODRIGUEZ-CEDEÑO (Venezuela)
Mr. Robert ROSENSTOCK (United States of America)
Mr. Bernardo SEPULVEDA (Mexico)
Mr. Bruno SIMMA (Germany)
Mr. Doudou THIAM (Senegal)
Mr. Chusei YAMADA (Japan)

51/310. Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[5] appointed the following persons members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997: Ms. Denise Almao, Mr. Ammar Amari, Mr. Leonid E. Bidnyi, Mr. Gérard Biraud and Mrs. Norma Goicochea Estenoz.

As a result, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions is composed as follows: Ms. Denise ALMAO (*New Zealand*),*** Mr. Ahmad Fathi AL-MASRI (*Syrian Arab Republic*),* Mr. Ammar AMARI (*Tunisia*),*** Mr. Ioan BARAC (*Romania*),* Mr. Leonid E. BIDNYI (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. Gérard BIRAUD (*France*),*** Mrs. Norma GOICOCHEA ESTENOZ (*Cuba*),*** Mr. Vijay GOKHALE (*India*),** Mr. Yuji KUMAMARU (*Japan*),** Mr. Mahamane MAIGA (*Mali*),* Mr. José Antônio MARCONDES de CARVALHO (*Brazil*),** Mr. E. Besley MAYCOCK (*Barbados*),* Mr. C. S. M. MSELLE (*United Republic of Tanzania*),* Mr. Wolfgang STOCKL (*Germany*),** Mr. TANG Guangting (*China*)** and Mr. Giovanni Luigi VALENZA (*Italy*).**

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1997.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

51/311. Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[6] appointed the following persons members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997: Mr. Iqbal Akhund, Mr. Evgueni N. Deineko, Mr. Alvaro Gurgel de Alencar, Mr. Ju Kuilin, Ms. Isabelle Klais and Mr. Ugo Sessi.

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[5] A/51/671, para. 6.
[6] A/51/672, para. 8.

As a result, the Committee on Contributions is composed as follows: Mr. Iqbal AKHUND (*Pakistan*),*** Mr. Pieter Johannes BIERMA (*Netherlands*),** Mr. Uldis BLUKIS (*Latvia*),* Mr. Sergio CHAPARRO RUIZ (*Chile*),** Mr. Evgueni N. DEINEKO (*Russian Federation*),*** Mr. David ETUKET (*Uganda*),* Mr. Neil Hewitt FRANCIS (*Australia*),** Mr. William GRANT (*United States of America*),* Mr. Alvaro GURGEL de ALENCAR (*Brazil*),*** Mr. Ihor V. HUMENNY (*Ukraine*),* Mr. JU Kuilin (*China*),*** Mr. Masao KAWAI (*Japan*),* Ms. Isabelle KLAIS (*Germany*),*** Mr. Vanu Gopala MENON (*Singapore*),* Mr. Atilio Norberto MOLTENI (*Argentina*),** Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud OULD EL GHAOUTH (*Mauritania*),** Mr. Ugo SESSI (*Italy*)*** and Mr. Omar SIRRY (*Egypt*).**

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*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

51/312. Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[7] appointed the Auditor-General of GHANA as a member of the Board of Auditors for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 July 1997.

As a result, the Board of Auditors is composed as follows: Auditor-General of GHANA,*** Comptroller and Auditor-General of INDIA** and Comptroller and Auditor-General of the UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.*

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* Term of office expires on 30 June 1998.
** Term of office expires on 30 June 1999.
*** Term of office expires on 30 June 2000.

51/313. Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[8] confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997: Ms. Francine J. Bovich, Mr. Peter Stormonth-Darling and Mr. Takeshi Ohta.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly also confirmed the appointment of Mr. Fernando G. Chico Pardo to fill the remainder of a three-year term of office expiring on 31 December 1997.

As a result, the Investments Committee is composed as follows: Mr. Ahmad ABDULLATIF (*Saudi Arabia*),* Ms. Francine J. BOVICH (*United States of America*),*** Mr. Fernando G. CHICO PARDO (*Mexico*),* Mr. Aloysio de Andrade FARIA (*Brazil*),* Mr. Takeshi OHTA (*Japan*),*** Mr. Yves OLTRAMARE (*Switzerland*),** Mr. Emmanuel Noi OMABOE (*Ghana*),** Mr. Stanislaw RACZKOWSKI (*Poland*),* Mr. Jürgen REIMNITZ (*Germany*)**

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[7] A/51/666, para. 4.
[8] A/51/667, para. 4.

and Mr. Peter STORMONTH-DARLING (*United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*).***

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* Term of office expires on 31 December 1997.
** Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 1999.

51/314. Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[9] appointed the following persons members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997: Mr. Julio Barboza and Mr. Mayer Gabay.

As a result, the United Nations Administrative Tribunal is composed as follows: Mr. BALANDA Mikuin Leliel (*Zaire*),* Mr. Julio BARBOZA (*Argentina*),*** Mr. Mayer GABAY (*Israel*),*** Mr. Samarendranath SEN (*India*),* Mr. Francis SPAIN (*Ireland*),** Ms. Deborah TAYLOR ASHFORD (*United States of America*),** and Mr. Hubert THIERRY (*France*).*

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51/315. Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[10] appointed the following persons members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997: Ms. Corazon Alma de Leon, Mr. Alexander V. Chepourin, Mr. Humayun Kabir, Mr. Ernest Rusita and Mr. El Hassane Zahid.

As a result, the International Civil Service Commission is composed as follows: Mr. Mohsen BEL HADJ AMOR (*Tunisia*),** Chairman; Mr. Carlos S. VEGEGA (*Argentina*),** Vice-Chairman; Ms. Corazon ALMA de LEON (*Philippines*),*** Mr. Mario BETTATI (*France*),* Mr. Alexander V. CHEPOURIN (*Russian Federation*),*** Mrs. Turkia DADDAH (*Mauritania*),** Mr. Antônio FONSECA PIMENTEL (*Brazil*),* Mr. Humayun KABIR (*Bangladesh*),*** Ms. Lucretia MYERS (*United States of America*),* Mr. André Xavier PIRSON (*Belgium*),** Mr. Jaroslav RIHA (*Czech Republic*),** Mr. Ernest RUSITA (*Uganda*),*** Mr. Alexis STEPHANOU (*Greece*),* Mr. Ku TASHIRO (*Japan*)* and Mr. El Hassane ZAHID (*Morocco*).***

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** Term of office expires on 31 December 1998.
*** Term of office expires on 31 December 2000.

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[9] A/51/668, para. 4.
[10] A/51/673, para. 4.

51/316. Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General,[11] decided to extend the term of office of Ms. Elizabeth DOWDESWELL as Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme for a period of one year, beginning on 1 January 1997.

51/317. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 2 of its resolution 43/222 B of 21 December 1988, took note of the appointment by its President, after consultations with the chairmen of the regional groups, of CHILE, FIJI, FRANCE, GABON, JAPAN, NAMIBIA and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION as members of the Committee on Conferences for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 1997 to fill the vacancies occurring on the expiration of the terms of office of CHILE, EGYPT, FRANCE, GABON, JAPAN, PAKISTAN and the RUSSIAN FEDERATION.

As a result, the Committee on Conferences is composed of the following twenty-one Member States: AUSTRIA,** BAHAMAS,* BELGIUM,* CHILE,*** FIJI,*** FRANCE,*** GABON,*** GHANA,* IRAN (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF),* JAMAICA,** JAPAN,*** JORDAN,** KENYA,** LATVIA,* MOROCCO,** NAMIBIA,*** NEPAL,** RUSSIAN FEDERATION,*** SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES,* SENEGAL* and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

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[11] A/51/718, para. 3.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. *Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee*

51/401. Organization of the fifty-first session

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first report,[12] adopted a number of provisions concerning the organization of the fifty-first session.

At its 58th plenary meeting, on 14 November 1996, the General Assembly, in the light of its resolution 50/167 of 22 December 1995 and in connection with the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, decided to devote one plenary meeting on Friday, 6 December 1996, in the morning, to the consideration of the problem of trafficking in persons, especially women and children.

51/402. Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items

At its 3rd, 31st, 68th and 78th plenary meetings, on 20 September, 11 October, 29 November and 10 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendations of the General Committee as set forth in its first,[13] second,[14] third[15] and fourth[16] reports, adopted the agenda[17] and the allocation of agenda items[18] for the fifty-first session.

At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[19] decided to defer consideration of the following items and to include them in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session:

Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India;

Question of East Timor.

At its 31st plenary meeting, on 11 October 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[20] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Seabed Authority in the General Assembly" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 68th plenary meeting, on 29 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[21] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[22] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 7 December as International Civil Aviation Day" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[23] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in the General Assembly" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee,[24] decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an additional item entitled "Proclamation of 21 November as World Television Day" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly, on the proposal of Italy, further decided that it would consider the item before its recess in December 1996.

51/403. Meetings of subsidiary organs during the main part of the fifty-first session

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At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences,[25] decided that the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund should be authorized to hold meetings during the course of the week beginning on 16 September 1996 and that the Committee on Conferences, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People and the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations should be authorized to hold meetings during the main part of the fifty-first session, beginning on 19 September 1996.

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[12] A/51/250, paras. 5-36.
[13] Ibid., para. 43.
[14] A/51/250/Add.1.
[15] A/51/250/Add.2.
[16] A/51/250/Add.3.
[17] A/51/251 and Add.1-3.
[18] A/51/252 and Add.1-3.
[19] A/51/250, paras. 39 and 40.
[20] A/51/250/Add.1, para.2.
[21] A/51/250/Add.2, para. 1.
[22] Ibid., para. 2.
[23] A/51/250/Add.3, para. 1.
[24] Ibid., para. 2.
[25] A/51/337.

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At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences[25] and of the General Committee,[26] decided that the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East should be authorized to hold meetings during the main part of the fifty-first session.

51/404. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization

At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 11 October 1996, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.[27]

51/405. Report of the International Court of Justice

At its 34th plenary meeting, on 15 October 1996, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.[28]

51/407. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)

At its 41st plenary meeting, on 25 October 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/409. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

At its 59th plenary meeting, on 19 November 1996, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.[29]

51/410. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

At its 78th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of the report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.[30]

51/416. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations

At its 81st plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of the note by the Secretary-General.[31]

51/431. Special assistance to front-line States and other neighbouring States

At its 84th plenary meeting, on 13 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the proposal of the Congo,[32] recalling its resolution 49/21 M of 20 December 1994, having considered the report of the Secretary-General on special assistance to front-line States and other neighbouring States,[33] and welcoming the establishment of the Southern African Development Community Organ on Politics, Defence and Security, which, therefore, effectively supersedes the front-line States,[34] decided:

(*a*) To express its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his efforts regarding assistance to the front-line States and other neighbouring States;

(*b*) To note with appreciation the support being rendered to the Southern African Development Community by donor countries, organizations of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations;

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[26] A/51/250, para. 34.

[27] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/51/1).

[28] Ibid., *Supplement No. 4* (A/51/4).

[29] A/51/292-S/1996/665; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1996*, document S/1996/665.

[30] A/51/399-S/1996/778, annex; see *Official Records of the Security Council, Fifty-first Year, Supplement for July, August and September 1996*, document S/1996/778.

[31] A/51/521.

[32] A/51/L.43.

[33] A/51/528.

[34] See A/50/1001, annex.

(*c*) Strongly to urge the international community to continue to provide, in a timely and effective manner, the financial, material and technical assistance necessary to enhance the collective capacity of the countries of the Southern African Development Community in their efforts for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and development of their economies;

(*d*) To discontinue consideration of this question under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance" and to consider all related matters in the context of its consideration of the question of cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

51/432. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/433. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/434. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/435. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/436. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/450. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of chapters I, II, III, IV, V (section A), VI and VIII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[35]

51/451. Emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi

At its 87th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the proposal of Austria,[36] decided to defer, until its resumed fifty-first session, consideration of the draft resolution contained in document A/51/L.48 entitled "Emergency assistance for the economic recovery and reconstruction of Burundi".

51/452. Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development

At its 88th plenary meeting, on 17 December 1996, the General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "Launching of global negotiations on international economic cooperation for development" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/462. Agenda items remaining for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-first session

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, decided that the following agenda items remained for consideration during the fifty-first session:

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[35] A/51/3 (Parts I-III); see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[36] A/51/L.65.

Item 10: Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization;

Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council;

Item 17 (*b*): Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

Item 18 (*h*): Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

Item 18 (*i*): Confirmation of the appointment of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme;

Item 19: Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

Item 21 (*b*): Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions;

Item 33: The situation in the Middle East;

Item 35: Question of Palestine;

Item 37: The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti;

Item 39: The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security;

Item 40: The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development;

Item 43: The situation in Burundi;

Item 46: Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

Item 47: Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters;

Item 48: Strengthening of the United Nations system;

Item 56: The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 58: Question of Cyprus;

Item 96 (*b*): Agenda for development;

Item 110 (*d*): Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

Item 111: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;

Item 112: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

Item 114: Programme planning;

Item 115: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;

Item 116: Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997;

Item 118: Pattern of conferences;

Item 119: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

Item 120: Human resources management;

Item 121: United Nations common system;

Item 122: United Nations pension system;

Item 123: Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East;

Item 124: Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission;

Item 125: Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991);

Item 126: Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara;

Item 128: Financing and liquidation of the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia;

Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

Item 132: Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus;

Item 133: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia;

Item 134: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti;

Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

Item 136: Financing of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda;

Item 137: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan;

Item 139: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

Item 140: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Item 141: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

Item 144: Convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses;

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium;

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force;

Item 157: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti.

2. ***Decisions adopted on the reports of the First Committee***

51/411. Agenda items relating to disarmament and international security

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the First Committee.[37]

51/412. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of part six of the report of the First Committee.[38]

51/413. Implementation of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of part seven of the report of the First Committee.[39]

51/414. Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[40] recalling its decision 50/420 of 12 December 1995, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects".

51/415. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

At its 79th plenary meeting, on 10 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the First Committee,[41] decided to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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[37] A/51/566.
[38] A/51/566/Add.5.
[39] A/51/566/Add.6.
[40] A/51/566/Add.11, para. 64.
[41] A/51/566/Add.21, para. 8.

3. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)*

51/427. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 13 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[42] adopted the following text:

"1. The General Assembly, having considered the chapter of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to an item on the agenda of the Special Committee entitled 'Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration',[43] and recalling its resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and all other relevant resolutions and decisions of the United Nations relating to military activities in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, reaffirms its strong conviction that military bases and installations in the Territories concerned could constitute an obstacle to the exercise by the people of those Territories of their right to self-determination, and reiterates its strong views that existing bases and installations, which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, should be withdrawn.

"2. Aware of the presence of such bases and installations in some of those Territories, the General Assembly urges the administering Powers concerned to continue to take all necessary measures not to involve those Territories in any offensive acts or interference against other States.

"3. The General Assembly reiterates its concern that military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration might run counter to the rights and interests of the colonial peoples concerned, especially their right to self-determination and independence. The Assembly once again calls upon the administering Powers concerned to terminate such activities and to eliminate such military bases in compliance with its relevant resolutions.

"4. The General Assembly reiterates that the colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories and areas adjacent thereto should not be used for nuclear testing, dumping of nuclear wastes or deployment of nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

"5. The General Assembly deplores the continued alienation of land in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories, particularly in the small island Territories of the Pacific and Caribbean regions, for military installations. The large-scale utilization of the local resources for this purpose could adversely affect the economic development of the Territories concerned.

"6. The General Assembly takes note of the decision of some of the administering Powers to close or downsize some of those military bases in the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

"7. The General Assembly requests the Secretary-General to continue to inform world public opinion of those military activities and arrangements in colonial and Non-Self-Governing Territories which constitute an obstacle to the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"8. The General Assembly requests the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples to continue to examine this question and to report thereon to it at its fifty-second session."

51/428. The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 13 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[44] decided to defer consideration of the item entitled "The situation in the occupied territories of Croatia" and to include it in the provisional agenda of its fifty-second session.

51/429. Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 13 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[45] decided to delete from its agenda the item entitled "Question of the composition of the relevant organs of the United Nations".

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[42] A/51/596, para. 13.

[43] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 23* (A/51/23), chap. VI.

[44] A/51/599, para. 4.

[45] A/51/600, para. 4.

51/430. Question of Gibraltar

At its 83rd plenary meeting, on 13 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee),[46] adopted the following text as representing the consensus of the members of the Assembly:

> "The General Assembly, recalling its decision 50/415 of 6 December 1995 and recalling at the same time that the statement agreed to by the Governments of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Brussels on 27 November 1984[47] stipulates, *inter alia*, the following:
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> > 'The establishment of a negotiating process aimed at overcoming all the differences between them over Gibraltar and at promoting cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis on economic, cultural, touristic, aviation, military and environmental matters. Both sides accept that the issues of sovereignty will be discussed in that process. The British Government will fully maintain its commitment to honour the wishes of the people of Gibraltar as set out in the preamble of the 1969 Constitution',
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> takes note of the fact that, as part of this process, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland hold annual meetings alternately in each capital, the most recent of which took place in London on 20 December 1994, and urges both Governments to continue their negotiations with the object of reaching a definitive solution to the problem of Gibraltar in the light of relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and in the spirit of the Charter of the United Nations."

4. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Second Committee*

51/442. Documents relating to macroeconomic policy questions

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[48] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: challenges and opportunities;[49]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organization in the area of multilateral trade;[50]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific measures in favour of island developing countries;[51]

(*d*) Notes by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: review of institutional and programme issues"[52] and the comments of the Secretary-General thereon.[53]

51/443. Report of the Secretary-General on the use of freshwater resources for food and agricultural production

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[54] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the use of freshwater resources for food and agricultural production, as well as the implications of the results of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations for food production, including agro-industrial products, and for global food security in developing countries.[55]

51/444. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Second Committee.[56]

51/445. Document relating to an agenda for development

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[57] took note of the note by the Secretary-General on the provisions of Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996 addressed to the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group of the General Assembly on an Agenda for Development.[58]

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[46] A/51/588, para. 27.
[47] A/39/732, annex.
[48] A/51/602, para. 39.
[49] A/51/388.
[50] A/51/331.
[51] A/51/255.
[52] A/51/152.
[53] A/51/152/Add.1.
[54] A/51/603, para. 17.
[55] A/51/431.
[56] A/51/604.
[57] A/51/604/Add.2, para. 8.
[58] A/51/319.

51/446. Environment and sustainable development

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of parts one and eight of the report of the Second Committee.[59]

51/447. Report on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[60] took note of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.[61]

51/448. Documents relating to the report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee,[62] took note of the following documents:

(*a*) Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 1996;[63]

(*b*) Report of the Secretary-General on preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria in developing countries, particularly in Africa;[64]

(*c*) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award.[65]

51/449. Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1997-1998

At its 86th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee[62] and in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approved the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1997-1998, as annexed to the present decision.

ANNEX

Biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1997-1998[66]

1997

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[67]

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1999-2000

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 47/40)[68]

World Food Summit

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution 50/109)[68]

Permanent sovereignty over national resources in the occupied Palestinian and other Arab territories

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on economic and social repercussions of the Israeli settlements on the Palestinian people in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, occupied since 1967, and on the Arab population of the occupied Syrian Golan

[59] A/51/605 and Add.7.

[60] A/51/606, para. 13.

[61] A/51/391.

[62] A/51/601, para. 25.

[63] A/51/3 (Parts I-III), chaps. I, III, IV, V (sects. B-E and H) and VII; see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3*.

[64] A/51/379.

[65] A/51/534.

[66] The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

[67] The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1997.

[68] Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

(Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/40)[68]

Coordination of the activities of the organizations of the United Nations system in the field of energy

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the possibilities of strengthening the coordination of the activities of the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the field of energy (Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/44)[68]

New and innovative ideas for generating funds

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on all aspects of new and innovative ideas for generating funds for globally agreed commitments and priorities (Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/48)[68]

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/93 as related to the preparations for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development

Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration and the strengthening of collaboration between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions (General Assembly resolution 51/166)

(b) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/96 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries (General Assembly resolution 50/97)

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 51/167)

(c) *Science and technology for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/101

(d) *External debt crisis and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/164

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/94 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

(c) *Food and sustainable agricultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Food Summit Plan of Action (General Assembly resolution 51/171)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolutions 50/109 and 51/171)[68]

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

(a) *Agenda for development*

(i) *Agenda for development*

No documentation requested

(ii) *Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/174

(b) *Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/103

(c) *Population and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/176

(d) *International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 50/123)

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)*

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/177[68]

Report of the Secretary-General containing an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements with a view to its revitalization (General Assembly resolution 51/177)

(f) *First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/178, including the overall assessment of the implementation of the programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty

(g) *Women in development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and 50/104)[68]

(h) *Human resources development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/105

(i) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the World Decade for Cultural Development (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and 49/105 and Economic and Social Council decision 1996/206)[68]

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII))[68]

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Oral report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/110

(a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) *Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/114, on desertification and drought, and 51/180

(c) *Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution 50/115)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/184)

(d) *International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/117 B

Report of the Secretary-General on the format, substance and timing of the final event of the Decade (General Assembly resolution 51/185)

(e) *Convention on Biological Diversity*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution 51/182)

(f) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Progress report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/183)

(g) *Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/181)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

(a) *Operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) *Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries*

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/118 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution 50/119)

Item 7. *Training and research*

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/188)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on training institution programmes and activities of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 51/188)

Item 8. *Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/190

1998[69]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*[70]

United Nations Population Award

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the United Nations Population Award and Trust Fund (Economic and Social Council decision 1982/112)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on public administration and development (General Assembly resolution 50/225)[68]

Item 2. *Macroeconomic policy questions*

(a) *Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/165

(b) *Trade and development*

Documentation

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX))[68]

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/168

(c) *Commodities*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on world commodity trends and prospects (General Assembly resolution 51/169)

Item 3. *Sectoral policy questions*

(a) *Industrial development cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/170

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization on best practices and lessons learned in the field of industrial development (General Assembly resolution 51/170)

(b) *Business and development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 51/191

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[69] The programme of work and documentation list for 1998 will be updated in 1997, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

[70] The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1998.

Item 4. *Sustainable development and international economic cooperation*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/130 and 51/172 on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system

(a) *Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development*

(i) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries*

(ii) *Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185, 49/92 and 51/173)

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181, 49/106 and 51/175)

(c) *First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty*

No documentation requested (General Assembly resolution 51/178)

(d) *Cultural development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the follow-up to the report of the World Commission on Culture and Development (General Assembly resolution 51/179)

Item 5. *Environment and sustainable development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on products harmful to health and the environment (General Assembly resolution 34/173)[58]

(a) *Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development*

Documentation

Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

(b) *Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the plans, programmes and projects for the sustainable development of small island developing States that have been implemented in response to the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (General Assembly resolutions 50/116 and 51/183)

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council containing the views of the Committee for Development Planning on the report of the Secretary-General on the vulnerability index (General Assembly resolution 51/183)

Item 6. *Operational activities for development*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to review the achievement of the goals of the World Summit for Children (General Assembly resolution 51/186)

(a) *Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the triennial policy review of operational activities undertaken by the United Nations development system (General Assembly resolution 50/120)[68]

Item 7. *Training and research*

United Nations University

Documentation

Report of the Council of the United Nations University

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 51/187)

5. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Third Committee*

51/417. Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[71] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.[72]

51/418. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the question of the promotion and protection of the rights of children

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[73] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.[74]

51/419. Document considered by the General Assembly in connection with the elimination of racism and racial discrimination

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[75] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid.[76]

51/420. Human rights questions

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly took note of part one of the report of the Third Committee.[77]

51/421. Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] adopted the following text:

> "The General Assembly, having concluded the consideration of the question on the basis of the information provided by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, on behalf of the Secretary-General, pursuant to its resolution 48/155 of 20 December 1993, entitled 'Situation of human rights in Estonia and Latvia', welcomes and encourages the activities undertaken and being undertaken in this regard by relevant regional and international organizations, including the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, as well as the measures by the Governments of Estonia and Latvia in implementation of the recommendations of those organizations."

51/422. Documents considered by the General Assembly in connection with human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[78] took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in southern Lebanon and western Bekaa[79] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the interim report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Burundi.[80]

51/423. Working Group of the Third Committee

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[81] decided that item 110 (*d*), entitled "Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action", would remain

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[71] A/51/612, para. 26.
[72] A/51/277 and Corr.1.
[73] A/51/615, para. 24.
[74] A/51/424.
[75] A/51/617, para. 16.
[76] A/51/427.
[77] A/51/619.
[78] A/51/619/Add.3 and Corr.1, para. 72.
[79] A/51/507.
[80] A/51/459.
[81] A/51/619/Add.4, para. 10.

on the agenda of its fifty-first session so as to allow the Working Group of the Third Committee to continue its work.

51/424. Report on the programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee[82] and recalling its resolution 49/214 of 23 December 1994 on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its fifty-second session a report on the programme of activities of the Decade.

51/425. Organization of work of the Third Committee and biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1997-1998

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee[82] and pursuant to its resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, approved the organization of work of the Third Committee and the biennial programme of work of the Committee for 1997-1998, as contained in annexes I and II to the present decision.

ANNEX I

Organization of work of the Third Committee

A. GUIDELINES CONCERNING TIME-LIMITS OF STATEMENTS

1. In accordance with rule 106 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and paragraph 22 of decision 34/401 on the rationalization of the procedures and organization of the General Assembly, at the beginning of each session, the Chairman of the Third Committee should propose to the Committee the limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers.

2. Further to General Assembly resolutions 45/175 of 18 December 1990, 46/140 of 17 December 1991 and 50/227 of 24 May 1996, on the rationalization of the work of the Third Committee, statements made by individual delegations and by members of the Secretariat, the specialized agencies and others on a single item or sub-item should not exceed seven minutes; statements made by individual delegations on more than one item or sub-item should not exceed ten minutes; and statements made on behalf of groups of delegations should not exceed fifteen minutes, unless decided otherwise by the Committee at the beginning of the session. Statements made on sub-items (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) under the item entitled "Human rights questions" should be limited as follows: (*a*) statements made on one sub-item should not exceed seven minutes; (*b*) statements made on two sub-items should not exceed ten minutes; (*c*) statements made by individual delegations on all four sub-items should not exceed fifteen minutes; and (*d*) statements made on behalf of groups of delegations on the item as a whole should not exceed twenty-five minutes. These time limits will be applied with a degree of flexibility towards all speakers.

B. TIMELY CIRCULATION OF DOCUMENTATION

3. It is important to emphasize the necessity of the timely distribution of documentation in all the official languages of the United Nations in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. The unavailability of documentation in all the official languages and its late circulation to members of the Third Committee severely hampers the smooth running of the programme of work of the Committee.

C. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS ON REPORTS OF TREATY BODIES AND REPORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREATIES

4. Reports of all treaty bodies will be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with their respective legislative mandates. Substantive resolutions on those reports should be adopted biennially, in accordance with the programme of work of the Third Committee. Where possible, it is recommended that draft resolutions on the status of the treaties should not be submitted separately but should be incorporated in the draft resolution relating to the report of the treaty body. In alternate years, the Committee should simply take note of the reports unless more substantive action is deemed appropriate.

D. PROPOSALS EMANATING FROM SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

5. The Economic and Social Council, in transmitting proposals to the General Assembly, should, to the extent possible, bear in mind the programme of work of the Third Committee.

E. PROGRAMME OF WORK

6. An informal meeting of the Third Committee should be held immediately after the election of the members of its Bureau in order to consider the programme of work of the Committee on the basis of a draft to be prepared by the Secretariat and to consider other organizational aspects of the Committee's work, especially the status of documentation.

7. The items allocated to the Third Committee for consideration during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly should be taken up in the following order:

[82] A/51/608, para. 12.

Item 2: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

Item 3: Crime prevention and criminal justice;

Item 4: International drug control;

Item 5: Advancement of women;

Item 6: Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women;

Item 7: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions;

Item 8: Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

Item 9: Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;

Item 10: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;[83]

Item 11: Right of peoples to self-determination;[83]

Item 12: Human rights questions:[84,85]

(*a*) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(*b*) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(*c*) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(*d*) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(*e*) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

Item 13: Report of the Economic and Social Council.

8. This arrangement may be reviewed at the organizational meeting of the Third Committee, in particular in the light of the status of documentation at that time.

[83] Items 10 and 11 are to be considered jointly. Delegations may make two separate statements, i.e., one on each item, if they so wish.

[84] Sub-item (*a*) is to be considered separately; sub-items (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) are to be considered jointly.

[85] Delegations may make one statement on sub-item (*a*) and two statements on sub-items (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), but should not make two statements on any one sub-item.

F. PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

9. In drawing up draft resolutions, delegations are requested to adhere to the programme of work of the Third Committee set out below.

10. Delegations are invited to take into account the general guidelines agreed upon in General Assembly resolutions 45/175 and 46/140 regarding the submission of proposals and as set out below:[86]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*

Annual

World social situation[87]

Biennial

Implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Long-term Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action Concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, the International Year of Older Persons (1999) and related activities (odd years)

Implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (odd years)

Policies and programmes involving youth (odd years)

[86] References to "odd" and "even" years are to calendar years.

[87] 1997 - Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.
1998 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.
1999 - Interim report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.
2000 - General debate on the basis of the report of the Economic and Social Council.

Implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (odd years)

International Year of the Family (odd years)

Cooperation to achieve education for all (1997)

Triennial

Role of cooperatives in the light of new economic and social trends (1999)

Quinquennial

Anniversary of the Declaration on Social Progress and Development (1999)

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Annual

Strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime (1997)

Biennial

International cooperation in combating organized crime (even years)

Quinquennial

United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (2000)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Annual

Implementation of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control and the Global Programme of Action against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances; international action to combat drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking; respect for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and international law in the fight against drug abuse and illicit production and trafficking; United Nations International Drug Control Programme; measures to strengthen international cooperation against the illicit production, sale, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related matters

Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 1998 devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities (1997)

Biennial

Implementation of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (even years)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Annual

Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat

Violence against women migrant workers

Traffic in women and girls

Biennial

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (even years)

International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (odd years)

United Nations Development Fund for Women (odd years)

Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas (odd years)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Annual

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Annual

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa

Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (1997)

Assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors (1997)

Biennial

New international humanitarian order (even years)

Quinquennial

Extension of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (1997)

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Annual

Prevention and eradication of the sale of children, and of their sexual exploitation, including child prostitution and child pornography; protection of children affected by armed conflict; the girl child; refugee and internally displaced children; elimination of the exploitation of child labour; the plight of street children

Biennial

Convention on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (even years)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Annual

International Decade of the World's Indigenous People; United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Annual

Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

Financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

Biennial

Status of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (even years)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Annual

Importance of the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the speedy granting of independence to colonial countries and peoples for the effective guarantee and observance of human rights

Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination

Use of mercenaries as a means to violate human rights and to impede the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (to be considered biennially after the entry into force of the International Convention against the Recruitment, Use, Financing and Training of Mercenaries)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Annual

Effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (biennially after the entry into force of the Convention)

Commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1997 and 1998)

Biennial

Report of the Committee against Torture and status of the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (even years)

Status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (even years)

International Covenants on Human Rights (odd years)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

Annual

Alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Right to development

Elimination of all forms of religious intolerance

Human rights and terrorism

Strengthening of the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights

Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity

United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights

Strengthening of the rule of law

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (1997)

Culture of peace (1997)

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures (1997)

Biennial

Extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (even years)

Regional arrangements for the promotion and protection of human rights (even years)

Question of enforced or involuntary disappearances (even years)

Human rights and extreme poverty (even years)

Follow-up to the United Nations Year for Tolerance (even years)

Human rights and mass exoduses (odd years)

Human rights in the administration of justice (odd years)

Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (odd years)

Enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections (odd years)

Human rights and scientific and technological progress (odd years)

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (odd years)

Quinquennial

Award of human rights prizes

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Annual

Implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference on Human Rights

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Annual

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

ANNEX II

Biennial programme of work of the Third Committee for 1997-1998

1997[88]

Item 1. *Report of the Economic and Social Council*

Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

[88] The programme of work and documentation for 1997 will be revised in the light of relevant decisions taken by the Economic and Social Council in 1997.

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council on questions that do not fall within the purview of the other items on the agenda of the General Assembly allocated to the Third Committee

Item 2. *Social development, including questions relating to the world social situationand to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family*[89]

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Secretary-General on the world social situation (General Assembly resolution 44/56)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General containing the third review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, including information on progress of efforts to ensure the equalization of opportunities and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the various bodies of the United Nations system and on the development of global disability indicators (resolutions 37/52, 48/95 and 50/144)

Report of the Secretary-General on preparations for the observance of the International Year of Older Persons (resolution 50/141)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress made on the follow-up to the International Year of the Family (resolution 50/142)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation process of the education for all objectives, including the recommendations of the International Consultative Forum on Education for All (resolution 50/143)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond (resolution 50/81)[68]

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 51/120 on the question of the elaboration of an international convention against organized transnational crime

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (resolution 51/61)

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, particularly its technical cooperation capacity (resolution 51/63)

Item 4. *International drug control*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 51/64 on progress in the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly to be held in 1998 devoted to the combat against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (resolutions 47/100 and 51/64)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[68]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolution 45/124)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 50/165 on

[89] Report on the world social situation and report of the Commission for Social Development.

improvement of the situation of women in rural areas[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (resolution 50/163)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/65 on violence against women migrant workers

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/66 on the traffic in women and girls

Report of the Secretary-General on the improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat (resolution 51/67)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 51/69)[68]

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States (General Assembly resolution 51/70)

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa (resolution 51/71)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/73 on assistance to unaccompanied refugee minors

Item 8. *Promotion and protection of the rights of children*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Representative on the impact of armed conflict on children (General Assembly resolution 51/77, para. 37)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (resolution 51/77, para. 80)

Report of the Secretary-General on the rights of the child, including information on the status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the problems of exploitation of child labour, its causes and consequences (resolution 51/77, para. 81)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly decision 51/424)

Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (resolution 50/157)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 51/81

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 2106 A (XX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid (resolution 3380 (XXX))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (resolution 51/79)

Report of the Secretary-General on the financial situation of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (resolution 51/80)

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to supplement the Programme of Action for the Third Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination (resolution 51/81)

Item 11. *Right of peoples to self-determination*

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination (General Assembly resolution 51/83)

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 51/84)

Item 12. *Human rights questions*

(a) *Implementation of human rights instruments*

Documentation

Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolution 36/151)

Report of the Committee against Torture (resolution 39/46, annex)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Covenants on Human Rights (resolution 50/171)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (resolution 51/85)

Report of the Secretary-General on ensuring financing and adequate staff and resources for the operations of the human rights treaty bodies (resolution 51/87, para. 3 (*c*))

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (resolution 51/87, para. 24)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the meeting of persons chairing human rights treaty bodies (resolution 51/87, para. 25)

Questions for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

State of preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (resolution 51/88)

Strengthening of the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights (resolution 51/90)

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

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Report of the Secretary-General on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 50/176)

Report of the Secretary-General on human rights in the administration of justice (resolution 50/181)

Report of the Secretary-General on the programmatic, institutional, administrative, financial and managerial effort s instituted to enhance the capacity of the United Nations to avert new flows of refugees and to tackle the root causes of such outflows (resolution 50/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolutions 49/190 and 50/185 on strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization

Report of the Secretary-General on the possible establishment of a United Nations voluntary fund for victims of terrorism (resolution 50/186)

Report of the Secretary-General on the effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (resolution 51/91)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the elimination of all forms of religious intolerance and of discrimination based on religion or belief (resolution 51/93)

Report of the Secretary-General on the strengthening of the rule of law (resolution 51/96)

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Centre for Human Rights of the Secretariat in assisting the Government and people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (resolution 51/98)

Report of the Secretary-General on the right to development, including information on the activities of the bodies of the United Nations system concerning the implementation of the Declaration of the Right to Development and obstacles to the realization of the right to development (resolution 51/99)

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Report of the Secretary-General on human rights and unilateral coercive measures (resolution 51/103)

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Respect for the principles of national sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of States in their electoral processes (resolution 50/172)

Respect for the right to universal freedom of travel and the vital importance of family reunification (resolution 51/89)

Strengthening of United Nations action in the field of human rights through the promotion of international cooperation and the importance of non-selectivity, impartiality and objectivity (resolution 51/105)

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

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Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of his representative of the on the situation of internally displaced persons (Economic and Social Council decision 1995/273)

Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of resolution 51/109 on the situation of human rights in Nigeria

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution 51/115 on rape and abuse of women in areas of armed conflict in the former Yugoslavia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation of human rights in Myanmar (resolution 51/117)

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(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141)[68]

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Matters calling for action by the General Assembly (Third Committee) or brought to its attention

Documentation

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Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 3. *Crime prevention and criminal justice*

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Item 4. *International drug control*

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Global Programme of Action (General Assembly resolutions 47/100 and 51/64)

Report of the Secretary-General containing the biennial update of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (resolution 48/112, sect. IV)[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (resolution 51/64)

Item 5. *Advancement of women*

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Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180)[68]

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the activities of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (resolution 39/125)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (resolutions 45/124 and 51/68)

Item 6. *Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women*

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Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (General Assembly resolutions 50/203 and 51/69)[68]

Item 7. *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions*

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of armed conflict on children (resolution 51/77, para. 37)

Item 9. *Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People*

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Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the activities of the United Nations system in relation to the Decade (General Assembly resolution 50/157)

Item 10. *Elimination of racism and racial discrimination*

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Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX))

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Report of the Human Rights Committee (General Assembly resolution 2200 A (XXI))[68]

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (resolution 260 A (III))

Report of the Secretary-General on the operations of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (resolutions 36/151 and 51/86)

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(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (resolution 48/121)

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

Documentation

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (resolution 48/141)[88]

51/426. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 82nd plenary meeting, on 12 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Third Committee,[82] took note of chapters I to IV, V (sections A and E) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[90]

6. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee*

51/406. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

At its 38th plenary meeting, on 17 October 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[91] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Unite Nations Observer Mission in Georgia[92] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[93]

(*a*) Decided that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, there should be set off against their future apportionment their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,970,718 United States dollars gross (1,718,168 dollars net) for the period from 16 May 1995 to 12 January 1996;

(*b*) Also decided that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observer Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,970,718 dollars gross (1,718,168 dollars net) for the period from 16 May 1995 to 12 January 1996 should be set off against their outstanding obligations.

51/408. Employment of retirees

At its 50th plenary meeting, on 4 November 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[94] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the employment of retirees[95] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[96]

(*a*) Endorsed the recommendations and observations of the Advisory Committee contained in its report, subject to the provisions of the present decision;

(*b*) Decided to set a ceiling across the board of 22,000 United States dollars per calendar year, representing an amount updated from the 12,000-dollar limit set by the General Assembly in 1982, for the employment of retired staff in receipt of a pension benefit from the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, with the exception of language-services staff for whom the ceiling will be 40,000 dollars per calendar year, and to limit such employment in all cases to no more than six months per calendar year;

(*c*) Also decided that no former staff member in receipt of a pension benefit should be re-employed at a level higherthan that at which he or she separated from the organization concerned, nor should he or she be remunerated at a level higher than that at which regular staff are remunerated for the same function at the same duty station;

(*d*) Requested the Secretary-General, in employing retirees, to continue to seek eographical balance in accordance with Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as gender balance;

(*e*) Also requested the Secretary-General to observe strictly the current practice whereby retirees must be medically cleared before re-employment;

(*f*) Further requested the Secretary-General to report to it every two years n all aspects of the use of retired personnel, including possible revision of the limits mentioned in subparagraph (*b*) above, and providing information concerning retirees recruited on a short-term basis in all categories and at all levels as well as under special service agreements; the first report should exceptionally cover the period from 1 January 1995 to 31 December 1997 and be transmitted through the Advisory Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session;

(*g*) Requested the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board to re-examine the request made by the General Assembly in subparagraph (*e*) of its decision 50/485 of 7 June 1996 and to report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-third session;

(*h*) Requested the Office of Internal Oversight Services to audit the compliance of recruitment of retirees in the Secretariat with the provisions of the present decision and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-third session.

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[90] A/51/3 (Parts I and II); see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 3*.
[91] A/51/503, para. 6.
[92] A/50/731/Add.2.
[93] A/51/448.
[94] A/51/643, para. 6.
[95] A/C.5/51/2.
[96] A/51/475.

51/437. Report of the Economic and Social Council

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[97] took note of chapters I, V (sections E and G) and VII of the report of the Economic and Social Council.[35]

51/438. Financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[98] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force[99] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[100]

(*a*) Decided that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there should be set off against their future apportionment their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 1,202,700 United States dollars gross (973,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995;

(*b*) Also decided that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 1,202,700 dollars gross (973,100 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 30 November 1995 should be set off against their outstanding obligations.

51/439. Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[101] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon[102] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions:[100]

(*a*) Decided that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there should be set off against their future apportionment their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 10,556,600 United States dollars gross (8,783,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 February 1995 to 31 January 1996;

(*b*) Also decided that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, their share of the unencumbered balance of 10,556,600 dollars gross (8,783,400 dollars net) for the period from 1 February 1995 to 31 January 1996 should be set off against their outstanding obligations.

51/440. Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[103] and having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission,[104] the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[105] and the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services for the period from 1 July 1995 to 30 June 1996:[106]

(*a*) Decided that, taking into consideration the funding through voluntary contributions from the Government of Kuwait of two thirds of the cost of the Observation Mission, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, there should be set off against their future apportionment their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 2,436,433 United States dollars gross (1,633,633 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 5,703,700 dollars gross (4,900,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1994 to 31 December 1995;

(*b*) Also decided that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Observation Mission, their share of the unencumbered balance of 2,436,433 dollars gross (1,633,633 dollars net), representing one third of the unencumbered balance of 5,703,700 dollars gross (4,900,900 dollars net) for the period from 1 November 1994 to 31 December 1995, should be set off against their outstanding obligations;

(*c*) Further decided that two thirds of the net unencumbered balance of 4,900,900 dollars, equivalent to 3,267,267 dollars, should be returned to the Government of Kuwait;

(*d*) Requested the Secretary-General to take immediate action to recover the overpayment relating to mission subsistence allowance, which is estimated at more than 844,000 dollars, and to report to the General Assembly, no later than 31 May 1997, on the results of the actions taken for its recovery, as well as on the comprehensive review of the

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[97] A/51/706, para. 4.
[98] A/51/724, para. 6.
[99] A/51/405.
[100] A/51/684.
[101] A/51/725, para. 6.
[102] A/51/535.
[103] A/51/726, para. 6.
[104] A/51/658.
[105] A/51/683.
[106] A/51/432, annex.

policies of the Organization in respect of compensatory time off and mission subsistence allowance.

51/453. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[107] took note of the statistical report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on the budgetary and financial situation of organizations of the United Nations system[108] and the report of the Secretary-General on accounting standards.[109]

51/454. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[110] decided to continue its consideration of agenda item 119, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations", as a matter of priority at the first part of its resumed fifty-first session, and to approve no later than 31 March 1997 the methodology that would instruct the Committee on Contributions to recommend to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a scale of assessments for the period 1998-2000.

51/455. Amendments to the Staff Rules

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[111] took note of the amendments to the 100 and 200 series of the Staff Rules contained in the report of the Secretary-General,[112] without prejudice to the consideration of agenda item 120, entitled "Human resources management", at the first part of its resumed fifty-first session.

51/456. Human resources management

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[111]

(*a*) Decided to defer until the first part of its resumed fifty-first session consideration of agenda item 120, entitled "Human resources management", and the reports submitted under that item, including the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Inspection of the application of United Nations recruitment, placement and promotion policies (Part II - Placement and promotions)"[113] and "Comparison of methods of calculating equitable geographical distribution within the United Nations common system"[114] and the outstanding report of the Unit entitled "Management-Staff Union relationships in the United Nations system", and to consider the agenda item as a priority item;

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General, pending that consideration and on an interim basis:

(i) To review the need for the general recruitment freeze and to oversee and monitor all recruitments, appointments, placements and promotions through the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat, taking into account the need to recruit from unrepresented and under-represented Member States and to achieve gender balance;

(ii) Not to expand arrangements that exist with regard to delegation of authority in recruitment, appointment, placement and promotion matters;

(iii) To limit short-term appointments against regular budget posts to temporary replacements in case of mission service and leave;

(iv) To limit exceptions to regular rules and procedures to the recruitment, appointment, placement and promotion of under-secretaries-general, assistant secretaries-general, special envoys at all levels and staff of the Executive Office of the Secretary-General;

(v) To continue not to convert fixed-term contracts into permanent contracts until the General Assembly has taken action on the relevant report;

(vi) To report to the General Assembly at the first part of its resumed fifty-first session on all recruitment, appointment, placement and promotion activities after 1 November 1996.

51/457. Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[115] recalling its resolution 51/12 of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force,

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[107] A/51/692, para. 5.
[108] A/51/505 and Corr.1.
[109] A/51/523.
[110] A/51/747, para. 12.
[111] A/51/643/Add.1, para. 8.
[112] A/C.5/51/7.
[113] A/51/656, annex.
[114] A/51/705, annex.
[115] A/51/639/Add.1, para. 6.

the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters and pending its review of the performance report on the combined Forces for the period from 1 January to 30 June 1996:

(*a*) Authorized the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments for the liquidation of the combined Forces and the provision of common support for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 in the amount of 12,860,300 United States dollars gross (12,227,800 dollars net), inclusive of the additional amount of 895,000 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations;

(*b*) Requested the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to address the relevant findings and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Board of Auditors in respect of the combined Forces.

51/458. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee:[116]

(*a*) Decided to continue consideration of the annual report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[117] during its resumed fifty-first session;

(*b*) Reaffirmed its decision in paragraph 2 of its resolution 50/239 of 7 June 1996 that the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services[118] should be considered under the relevant items of the agenda.

51/459. Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[119] and recalling its resolution 51/15 of 4 November 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti:

(*a*) Decided to appropriate the amount of 27,400,800 United States dollars gross (26,202,600 dollars net) for the maintenance of the Support Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997, in addition to the amount of 28,704,200 dollars gross (27,506,000 dollars net) already appropriated for the period from 1 July to 31 December 1996 under the provisions of its resolution 51/15;

(*b*) Also decided, as an ad hoc arrangement, and taking into account the amount of 28,704,200 dollars gross (27,506,000 dollars net) already apportioned in accordance with its resolution 51/15, to apportion among Member States the additional amount of 27,400,800 dollars gross (26,202,600 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997 at a monthly rate of 4,566,800 dollars gross (4,367,100 dollars net) in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 7 of resolution 51/15 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 1997, subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Support Mission beyond 31 May 1997;

(*c*) Further decided that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there should be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in subparagraph (*b*) above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional estimated staff assessment income of 1,198,200 dollars approved for the Support Mission for the period from 1 July 1996 to 30 June 1997;

(*d*) Requested the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to address the relevant findings and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the Board of Auditors in respect of the Support Mission and the United Nations Mission in Haiti.

51/460. Action taken on certain items

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee,[120] decided that, at the resumed fifty-first session of the Assembly, the Fifth Committee should continue its consideration of the following agenda items and relevant reports:

Item 111: Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors;

Item 112: Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations;

Item 115: Improving the financial situation of the United Nations;

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[116] A/51/741, para. 6.

[117] A/51/432.

[118] A/50/945, annex; A/50/1004; A/50/1005; A/51/302, annex; A/51/305, annex; A/51/467; and A/51/486, annex.

[119] A/51/638/Add.1, para. 6.

[120] A/51/752, para. 9.

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Item 119: Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations;

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Item 129: Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters;

Item 130: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II;

Item 131: Financing of the United Nations Operation in Mozambique;

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Item 135: Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia;

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Item 137: Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

Item 138: Financing of the United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan;

Item 139: Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

Item 140: Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations;

Item 141: Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

Item 153: Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

Item 154: Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium;

Item 155: Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force;

Item 157: Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti.

51/461. Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998

At its 89th plenary meeting, on 18 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee[120] and in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approved the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998, annexed to the present decision.

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Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 1997-1998

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7. *Decisions adopted on the reports of the Sixth Committee*

51/441. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order

At its 85th plenary meeting, on 16 December 1996, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Sixth Committee,[121] decided to resume consideration of the legal aspects of international economic relations at its fifty-fifth session and to include in the provisional agenda of that session the item entitled "Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order".

[121] A/51/632, para. 6.

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